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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Atty. Docket

WOLFGANG O. BUDDE ET AL

PHD 99,127

Serial No.

Filed: CONCURRENTLY

NETWORK COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF NETWORK NODES AND AT LEAST ONE
STAR NODE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please change the Title to all Capital Letters.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before line 1, insert as a centered heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

between lines 10 and 11, insert as a centered heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 3, before line 1, insert as a centered heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--;

between lines 16 and 17, insert as a centered heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--;